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CAMERA AND IMAGE HANDLING )  
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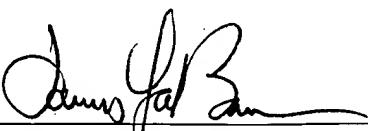
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**Foreign Patent Documents**

<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2000-235658	Japan	August 29, 2000
2000-020803	Japan	January 21, 2000
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11-130198	Japan	May 18, 1999
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11-086098	Japan	March 30, 1999
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10-302045	Japan	November 13, 1998
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